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1. THE SECOND IPG AGREED ON FURTHER STUDIES TO BE
CARRIED OUT BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, AS FOLLOWS:

A. STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF
INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
INCLUDING IMPACT ON LABOR AND THE PROSPECT FOR ESTABLISH-
MENT OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT IN A SAMPLE OF SUCH COUNTRIES.
THIS STUDY WOULD ALSO INCLUDE CONSULTATION PROCEDURES
BETWEEN USERS AND MTOS "BEARING IN MIND THE PRINCIPLES
EVOLVED IN ALL RELEVANT UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL
INSTRUMENTS."

B. STUDY THE LIABILITY AND CARGO INSURANCE IMPLICATIONS
OF INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT. SUCH STUDY WOULD
COMPARE TWO ALTERNATIVE LIABILITY SYSTEMS - UNIFORM AND
NETWORK. IT WOULD STUDY THESE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERING
DIFFERENT LEVELS OF LIABILITY. IT WOULD CONSIDER
DISADVANTAGES AND ADVANTAGES OF EACH SYSTEM OF
CARGO AND LIABILITY INSURANCE TO USERS AND TO INSURANCE

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MARKETS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

C. IMPACT OF MULTIMODAL OPERATIONS ON CUSTOMS DRAWING
ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL.

2. THE SECRETARIAT'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE
STUDIES WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNLESS A TIME SCALE IS SET FOR THE STUDIES NO REQUEST
FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES WILL BE MADE.

B. THE SAVING CLAUSE ABOVE IMPLIES THAT DELEGATIONS WILL
NOT REQUEST THAT ALL STUDIES BE AVAILABLE FOR THE THIRD
SESSION OF THE IPG.

C. THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE DEPENDENT ON COOPERATION,
PARTICULARLY FROM GOVERNMENTS.

D. THE SECRETARIAT IS CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO
COMPLETE THE MAJOR PART OF THE WORK COVERED BY THE STUDIES
IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE THIRD SESSION.

E. THE EXACT AMOUNT COVERED WILL DEPEND ON THE DEGREE
OF COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS, REGIONAL AND
SUBREGIONAL BODIES.

F. IF IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE SOME OF THE STUDIES
IN TIME FOR MAKING THE THIRD SESSION PRODUCTIVE, THE
SECRETARIAT WILL CONSULT WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND BUREAU OF
THE PREPARATORY GROUP WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING ON THE
APPROPRIATE ACTION.

3. STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN SELVIG AT CONCLUSION OF
MEETING: "DURING THE SECOND SESSION WORK HAS
PROGRESSED AS WOULD BE SEEN FROM THE REPORT WHICH IS
BEFORE YOU FOR ADOPTION. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT PROVE
POSSIBLE TO ACTIVATE THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE AT THIS
SESSION. LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR THIRD SESSION, AND
AFTER INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUP CO-ORDINATORS,
I AM IN A POSITION TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

A. AT THE THIRD SESSION ALL GROUPS ARE DETERMINED TO
PURSUE OUR WORK THROUGH THE ACTIVATION OF EITHER A
SESSIONAL COMMITTEE OR OF WORKING GROUPS OR OTHER
BODIES;

B. IT IS CONTEMPLATED BY ALL GROUPS THAT IN SOME
AREAS DRAFTING MAY BE ABLE TO OCCUR AT THAT THIRD SESSION;

C. A FOURTH SESSION WILL BE REQUIRED AT WHICH WE ALL EXPECT
THAT THE WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS
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WILL BE FINALIZED AND A DRAFT CONVENTION EMERGE.

4. THE IPG AGREED THAT THE 3RD IPG SHOULD BE HELD
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4TH IPG.DALE

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